

## IANTHOCINCLA PHŒNICEA, Gould.

*Ian. vertice, corpore suprà et infrà, nec non humeris intensè olivaceo-fuscis; lineà supra-oculari nigrà, notà infra-oculari, plumisque auricularibus sanguineis. Alæ primariis secundariisque externè coccineo marginatis, illis per totam longitudinem, his per dimidium apicale solummodò, ad basin namque cinereis nigrisque; pogoniis omnium internis nigrescenti-fuscis, rectricibus caudæ suprà intensè fuscis; at infrà, et ad apicem, æque ac crissa, igneo-aurantiacis, apicibus caudæ pallidioribus. Rostro pedibusque intensè fuscis.*

Long. tot.  $8\frac{1}{2}$  unc.; rostri, 1; alæ,  $3\frac{1}{4}$ ; caudæ, 4; tarsi,  $1\frac{3}{4}$ .

Crown of the head, all the upper and under surface, including the shoulders, dark olive brown; over each eye a stripe of black; feathers beneath the eye and the ear-coverts blood red; primaries and secondaries margined externally with rich scarlet, the former for the whole of their length, the latter for half their length from the tip, their basal portions being grey and black, and forming a bar half across the wing; the internal webs of all these feathers blackish brown; tail deep brown above; beneath, together with the under tail-coverts and the tips of all the tail-feathers, fiery orange, the tips being the palest; bill and feet deep brown.

*Ianthocincla phœnicea*, Gould, in Proc. of Zool. Soc. Part V. 1837.

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THE high lands of India would appear to constitute nearly the sole habitat of the peculiar race of Thrushes to which I have given the name of *Ianthocincla*. A single specimen of the present beautiful species formed part of a collection made in the Himalaya, and is in all probability unique. It has all the peculiar markings of the wings and tail, which is found to adorn the typical examples of the genus; but in no species that I have yet had an opportunity of examining has the colouring been so vivid, nor with so bright a hue of the under surface of the tail; while the extremely short, round, and concave form of the wings is in strict accordance with the type of the genus, viz. *Ianthocincla squamata*.

Habitat Himalaya Mountains.

The Plate represents the bird of the natural size in two different positions.